

The CHARGE of the
GOVERNOUR
OF

St. Thomas's Hospital.

MA Y it please you to understand, That you are Elected and Chosen one of the Governours of this Hospital; and during the time you shall so continue, you are to endeavour, according to such laudable Decrees, Orders and Ordinances, as have been or shall be made by Authority of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, Governours of the Possessions, Revenues and Goods of the Hospitals (of *Edward* late King of *England* the Sixth) of *Christ*, *Bridewell* and *St. Thomas*, the postle, to attend upon and perform the Necessary Affairs and Business of this House; And to the best of your Power to Order and Govern the Poor of this House, and the Lands, Possessions, Revenues and Goods, belonging to the same, that you may Acquit your self as a True and Faithful Steward and Disposer of all such Things as shall be committed to your Care and Charge, and that with such Loving, Cheerful and Respective Diligence, as becomes a Faithful Steward of God, whom (in this your Place) you chiefly Serve, and unto whom you shall render an Account. For be you well assured, you cannot be blameless before him, if after you have set your Hand to this Good Work, and promised your Care and Attendance in and upon the Business of this House, you shall contrariwise neglect the same, and not yield that Aid and Succour to the Poor, which the Duty of your Place requires. In Expectation of your Faithful Discharge of this Trust, you are Chosen and Admitted a Governour of this Hospital.